

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 10-14 are pending in this application. Previous claims 1-9 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 10 and 14 are amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification.

No new matter has been introduced. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS.

Claims 10-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Claims 10-14 are amended, thereby obviating the rejections.

III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 10-14 are allowable, as indicated at page 3 of the Office Action, if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 10-14 are amended, thereby obviating the rejections and being allowable.

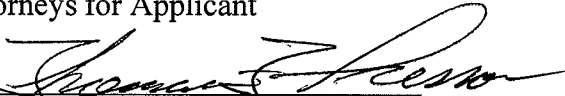
CONCLUSION

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP
Attorneys for Applicant

By 

Thomas F. Presson
Reg. No. 41,442
(212) 588-0800